Form No. 3.

FACING SHEET FOR FILE.

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File No. 155 of 1892.

SUBJECT.

re: re the management of the Bisagni matt and its endowments.

Cancelled " Public Act 1153 of 18 6.1894

Proceedings of the Dewan to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, (Revenue),—dated 28th April 1884.

READ—

Letter No. 11 of the 7th April 1884 from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey submitting a report on the claims of the Dattatreyapitha Darga and the Bisiagni Matt to the coffee lands belonging to them.

No. 710-11—7, DATED 28TH APRIL 1884.

ORDER THEREON.—The claim of the Bisiagni Matt to the lands in the villages of Kolgavi and Hogrehalli was rejected by the Inam Superintendent in July 1880. As regards the lands in Hogrehalli, the order for their resumption has been carried out, and they have been assessed by Government, but no action has yet been taken upon the decision of the Inam Department as regards the lands in Kolgavi. Having regard to the antiquity of the Matt and to its long reputed enjoyment of the lands, His Highness' Government is prepared to revise the decision arrived at in the Inam Department in July 1880, but the papers submitted do not contain any evidence of the extent which the Matt is entitled to enjoy as inam.

2. The claim of the Dattatreyapitha Bababudan Darga to the lands included in the new village of Dattatreyapitha is indeed even weaker. The Nirup of 1829 shows that the makandar is entitled only to the coffee grown within the makan enclosure, and that lands outside that enclosure should be treated as sarkar land, liable to pay to Government a moiety of the produce in accordance with the revenue system then in force. The Nirup of 1831 refers to encroachments by the makandar on the lands of the village of Attigonda. Thus it is quite clear that a great part of what is now claimed by the makandar is sarkar land upon which he has encroached from time to time.

3. As regards both the Dattatreyapitha and the Bisiagni inams there is nothing to show how or when they came into existence, nor is there any reference to them in the Jari account, nor any record whatever of their bijavari or assessment. There was practically no check to encroachments owing to the lands being in an inaccessible part of the country and covered with jungle, and, judging from the age of the coffee standing on the lands claimed, there is no doubt that the greater part of these encroachments has taken place within the last 50 years. After the discontinuance of the system of sharing the produce, the coffee produced in the lands in question has always paid halat duty to Government. Under such circumstances the proper course would be to resume these inams, but having regard to the importance and the antiquity of the institutions by which they are now enjoyed and the length of time over which such enjoyment has extended, His Highness' Government decide not to apply the ordinary rules to them but to deal with them in a spirit of reasonable liberality by confirming to them the inams in question on an equitable quit-rent, subject however to the establishment of proper guarantees for the protection of the rights of inferior holders.

4. At present the institutions in question are supposed to levy 3 seers per maund of coffee produced within these lands, but their income from this source is, owing to mismanagement, very inconsiderable. The system itself is most unsatisfactory to all concerned. The best arrangement, under the circumstances, is to fix upon the lands in question a money assessment in accordance with the Rules of 2nd August 1881 after due consideration of the circumstances of each estate or garden, and upon the same principles as would regulate the assessment of similar Government lands. The occupants of coffee lands will hold from the inamdars upon the same terms as are granted by Government to permanent holders of coffee lands. The assessment thus fixed will be binding upon the Matt and the Darga who must be debarred from altering it hereafter.

5. Subject to these conditions and to the payment of an annual quit-rent of $\frac{1}{4}$th of the survey valuation, the inams will be confirmed to the Matt and the Darga.

6. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey reports that the rate of Rs. 1—8—0 per acre is too high for the coffee lands in Hogrehalli. The Deputy Commissioner

will report through the Superintendent of Survey, what other permanent rate will in his opinion be suitable.

7. The Deputy Commissioner is further requested to explain the orders above passed to the managers of the Matt and the Darga, to furnish them with a copy thereof and to inform them that the proposed confirmation of the inams is a special act o concession intended to maintain the prestige of the institutions in question, and to provide sufficient funds for the due performance of the religious and charitable duties devolving upon them, and that its final sanction is dependent upon their acceptance of, and adherence to, the conditions above laid down.

8. The Deputy Commissioner will proceed to introduce the settlement as soon as practicable, furnishing the Inam Superintendent, on the completion thereof, with detailed statements showing the extent and assessment fixed.

9. The Deputy Commissioner is further authorized to retain the lands in question under his management for 2 or 3 years in order to ensure the complete introduction of the settlement and the final adjustment of the various petty disputes between the superior and inferior holders.

R. VIJAYINDRA RAO,
Secretary.

To—The Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
The Deputy Commissioner of Kadur.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, (Muzarayi),—dated 14th December 1892.

No. 233-42—Múz. F. 102-92, DATED BANGALORE, 14TH DECEMBER 1892.

ORDER.—It has been brought to notice that the established custom of obtaining His Highness the Maharaja's previous consent to nomination of successors to religious Matts within the State, has not been followed in recent years in a few individual instances.

2. This custom which is an ancient one was followed even during the British administration of the State by reporting every succession to a Matt for the orders of the Chief Commissioner.

3. The omission to report in a few cases has led to the succession to the Guruship of persons, who from their antecedents or lack of learning and qualification do not always command the esteem and regard of their disciples.

4. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are of opinion that it will advance the public good to enforce due observance of the custom as regards those Matts which enjoy Government grants.

5. It is therefore ordered that the following Rules on the subject will be communicated to all the Matts in the State:—

RULES.

I. Every succession to a Matt enjoying Government grants in land or money or honors granted by the sovereign, should receive the approval of His Highness the Maharaja. Such approval should ordinarily be obtained by previous application to His Highness in the Muzarayi Department.

II. To provide as far as possible against the contingency of a Guru dying suddenly he may as an act of ordinary prudence fix upon one or more eligible persons for an eventual selection by himself as his successor and obtain His Highness' opinion as to the eligibility of such persons. The Guru may, then in due time, select one of them to succeed him.

III. Should the Guru fail to obtain His Highness' approval to an eligible candidate or candidates and should he on the sudden approach of death or fear of death select a successor and give the *A'sramam* to him, the recognition of his succession will, for the purpose of enabling him to enjoy all State grants in land or money, rest with His Highness, who, in exercising his discretion in the matter, will be guided by the opinion of the community and the personal qualification of the successor.

IV. Should a Guru die without giving *A'sramam* to a successor him surviving, then a proper successor shall be selected by the community interested, with the consent of His Highness.

V. Non-recognition of a successor by His Highness will involve the resumption of all State grants in land or money and the customary *Mariathés* and *Birúthus* granted or enjoyed under authority from the sovereign.

A. SREENIVASACHARLU,
Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Palace Controller, Mysore.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.

Exd.—S G.E.

1892.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

MUZARAYI.

PROCEEDINGS.

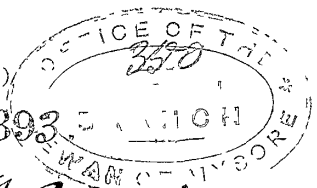
Dated 14th December 1892.

No. 233-42.
Muz. F 102-9[illegible]

Laying down rules for the succession of Gurus to Matts enjoying Government grants in land or money or honors.

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore.—26-12-92—20(

(General Serial No 30)



1893

From The Dy Commr.
Kadur District

To
The Mysore Secretary

Dated 8
Despatched March 93
Received

Enclosures No. file

General No. 37.
No.

Reporting on the affairs of the Bisagni Matt, Chickmagher Taluk, and making certain suggestions as to Successor to the Guru thereof.

To the Same

No. 37
Inam Fernandez Records.

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Kadur District
Chikmagalur 8th March 18[illegible]

To,

The Munsif Secretary
to the Dewan in Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

In submitting herewith the records ending with the Munsif Assistant Commissioner's Yadi No. 414 dated 5th February 1893 with the English Memo, I have the honor to state that in May 1892 Cuttasami and others complained that the affairs of the Bisagni Matt in the Chikmagalur Taluk were not being properly managed.—

2. The Matt has extensive Inam lands of 1107 acres and 13 guntas assessed at Rs. 1269-4-. The present surplus from these lands is Rs 429-4-3 the details being given in the margin. These lands are under the management of

× Land under Cultivation 665.5.
Assessment 964-8-.
Alienated } 599-6-.
Jamabandy }
Local funds } 170-5-9
& Jodi }
Rs. 429-4-3

of the Taluk Amildar, vide Government Proceedings No. 710-11-7 dated 28th April 1884. ——

3. The Guru of the Matt died on the 6th April 1892. As regards the next successor to the deceased Guru, his elder brother Cuttasamie has come forward to say that his own son a year old was, while the late Guru was dying, desired by him to take his place, that he (the late Guru) gave the child what is called "Sikka" and "Jara" and that the office of the Guru to this Matt has been hereditary in his family. He produces copy of a genealogical tree, according to which it appears that the last 5 Gurus of the Matt have been members of his family. A petition dated 5th May last has been received, purporting to be signed by a large number of persons in Chikmagalur and Kadur Talukas in support of the claim of the above named Cuttasamy's child to succeed to the place of the late Guru. As the alleged successor is only a year old, the office may be considered to have been

been virtually vacant since April last
If the disciples unanimously require
this infant as the late Guru's Successor
no Recommendation for his Confir-
mation can be made till he attains
his majority and then found compe-
tent to discharge his duties efficiently
in accordance with the Government
~~Notification~~ Proceedings No. 233-42-
Inungai 7102-92 dated 14th December 92

Until the appointment of a Successor
receives the gracious sanction of His
Highness the Maharaja, I beg to recom-
mend that the management of the Matt
be placed under the Taluk Amildar
who will carefully manage it and pay
annually out of the income thereof
only such portion as may be absolutely
necessary for conducting the usual
worship in the Matt and pay the balance
to the creditors until the debt of
Rs: 1329-2-3 is liquidated as per patti
given before the Amildar of Chik-
magalur by the agent of the late Guru.

The Amildar may manage the
affairs of the Matt with the help of
a Committee consisting of the following
influential

influential persons who are large land holders in the Taluk :—

1 Hulivati Annay Gowda Patail
2 Annay Gowda bin Ruddray Gowda Patail of Kolagavay.
3. Koppanna Setty.
4. Donikanada Ajjay Gowda
5. Gandaravalli Veeray Gowda.

The management of the matt by the taluk Amildar with the help of a Committee will give satisfaction to all parties concerned.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

K Rammurthy
for. Deputy Commissioner
BB Kanara District

(General Serial No. 411)

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
1893
MUZRAI BRANCH

From Madras 19th April

To The Muzrai Secretary

Dated 13th
Despatched 14th April
Received 18th

Enclosures No.

General No. 46
No

Requesting to obtain the orders of Government in the matter of assuming the management of Bisagne Matt.

To the Lawers 717 & 25/4/93

No. 46

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Kadur District
Dated Chickmagalur, 13th April 93.

From,

The Dy Commissioner
Kadur District

To,

The Muzarai Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the favour of your obtaining the early orders of Government in the matter of assuming the management of Bisaqui Matt, reported in my letter No. 37 of 8th March last, as one of the creditors of the Matt has taken steps to have the jewels of the Matt sold in execution of a decree—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most Obed't Servt
H H Sparks
Dy Commissioner
Kadur

Amt.

Mysore

Read:—

~~The~~ Letter No. 3798 "March 1893 from the C. Kadur Dt., Soliciting Sanction to place ~~Bisagni~~ Bisagni Matt and its endowments the Chickmagalur Taluk under the management the Taluk Amildar as the Guru newly nominated a minor.

Order thereon No. 717 of 25 April 1894.
Mysy 155-92 En file Vs

The Guru-elect of the Bisagni Matt in the Chickmagalur Taluk, being now a minor, his nomination will be recognized on his attaining majority. Efficient arrangements should be made to give him a good education so as to qualify him for the sacred position he is to hold.

2. Meanwhile the Matt and its endowments will, as recommended by the Dc Commr., be placed under the management of the Taluk Amildar who will administer the estate aided by the Committee composed of the members noted in the margin.

7. 1. Kulkatti Annay Gowda, Patél.
2. Annay Gowda bin Rudri Gowda, Patél of Kolagani
3. Koppannah Setti.
4. Donikanada Ajjay Gowda.
5. Pandaravalli Veeray Gowda

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MUZARAYI.

(General Serial No. 30.)

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From

To

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Enclosures No.

General No.

Muzarayi. F. No.

(General Serial No 30)

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To The Inspr Secretary,
to the Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated 19th January 1894

Despatched — Do —

Received 20-1-94

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 47
No.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith the entire correspondence of Besagni matt in the Chikmagalur Taluk together with a memo in English, I have the honour to state that the managment of this matt was taken up by the Amildar of Chikmagalur under the Govt orders vide Govt Proceedings No. 717 Emiy 155-92 dated 25th April 1893. The estimated annual net income of the matt is Rs 751-10-6.

The Amildar of Chikmagalur and the managing members of the matt have recommended that Rs 450-- be sanctioned for the annual Expenditure of

To the Lamons 782 of 22-1-94
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the matt as mentioned in the memo. The matt has left o
568-5-10. If the above expenditure be sanctioned there will be
a saving of Rs 301-10-6 per annum, which will be
utilised in discharging the aforesaid matt debts.
I beg to recommend that the above proposal may be sanctio

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient

K. Ramunny
C.S. For Deputy Commissioner
Kasaragod

MUZARAI.

(General Serial No. 30)

1894.

From

To The Dy Commr
Kadur Dist

Dated 22 Jany/94

Despatched 23rd

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 182

Muzarai F. No. 155-92

His letter No. 47 of the 19th
Instant ~~soliciting sanction~~ recommending that
a sum of Rs. 428/ may be
sanctioned for the annual
expenditure of the Pesagnia
Matt in the Chickmagalur
Taluk out of the income
derived from the Inam
lands belonging to the Institution.

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Has the honor to state

Mysore Govt. Central Press, Bangalore.—26-9-93-1,000.

From the Same No 4981-2-94

state that the en
Correspondence &
to have been for
ed with the above has
not yet been recei
in this office and
request its submiss
at an early date.

By

Sec
C. P.

From
The Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To
The Muzrai. Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore

Dated 1st February 1894
3 (Camp Sukkerapatam)
No. 49
Enclo: 99

His no: 782/155-92 dated 22 January 1894

Has the honor to forward the entire correspondance of the Besagni Mutt Shikmag Taluk, called for, in the abm

K Ramanujam
for Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

To the Samsko 1153-4
Mut 15 - 2 9

Read:—

Govt Pro: No 717
Mur 155-92
d/ 25th April 1893 directing that the management of Bisagni Matt and its endowments in the Chickmagalur Taluk be placed under the Amildar who should administer its affairs with the aid of a managing Committee during the minority of the Guru elect.

Correspondence ending with Docket No 49 dated 1st February 1894, from the Dy: Commr, Kadur District, submitting for sanction a scale of expenditure to be incurred in the Matt annually.

Order thereon - No

The Dy: Commr proposes that out of the estimated

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annual net income of Rs 751-10-6, as per margin, a sum of Rs 450/- as recommended by the managing Committee may be sanctioned for the annual expenditure of the matt and that a portion of the balance may be applied towards the payment of the debt of Rs 568-5-10 due by the ~~matt~~ Institution.

2. Govt are pleased to sanction these proposals and authorize the annual expenditure of Rs 450/- for the purposes of the Matt as particularized below:—

For the maintenance of the Guru	Rs	As p
	60	- - -
" Abhishekam tea on Monday in the month of Sravana	15	- - -
Gowri feast	30	- - -
Dasara expenses	5	- - -
" Services in the month of Karthika	15	- - -

From lands belonging to the matt — 1150
" Cash payment — 25
Total 1230

Deduct the amount payable to Govt on account of kandayem 4

Net amount of income Rs 751-

For Sivayoga —— 5- " - "

" Dhanurmasa services — 5- " - "

" Services on the full moon day in the month of Magha — 8- " - "

" New years day — 5- " - "

" Kendadarchanay 30- " - "

" Daily services and Deeparadhané — 30- " - "

" Cocoanuts, plantains, Camphor &c required daily — 12- " - "

" Dasoga escpenses - 48- " - "

" Pay of worshippers - 60- " - "

" Pay of a servant who goes out to collect paddy — 25- " - "

" Pay of other servants 72-

" - Contingency - 25- " - "

Total Rs 450- " - "

3 Cent of the balance of Rs 301-10-6, a sum of Rs 286-2-11

should be paid towards
the liquidation of the Matts'
debt until it is cleared
and the remainder, viz.
Rs 17-7-7 deposited in the
Savings' Bank as proposed
by the Deputy Commissioner

AS
Secretary
6.7.

To Draft

The Dy: Commr Kadur

Dr returning the Vr: papers
— " Comptroller, Mysore for
for information.